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SUBJECT: EMBASSY TRAVEL

REF: (A) MOSCOW 110; (B) 75 STATE A-7356, (C) MOSCOW 0605

1. MFA PROTOCOL DIVISION (LOPUSHINSKIY) INFORMED EMBASSY JANUARY 12 THAT CLOSED-AREA EXCEPTION REQUESTED BY SECOND SECRETARY JOHN FORD AND WIFE FOR KAUNAS COULD NOT BE GRANTED AS THE "RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY" (E.E. VACHNADZE) WAS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO ILLNESS AND NO ONE ELSE COULD GRANT PERMISSION.

2. JANUARY 15 LOPUSHINSKIY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT CLOSED-AREA EXCEPTION REQUESTED BY FIRST SECRETARY DON GRAVES AND WIFE FOR GOR'KIY COULD NOT BE GRANTED "AT THE PRESENT TIME." HE REFERRED TO OUR EARLIER CONVERSATION CONCERNING TRAVEL REGULATIONS (REF A) AND IMPLIED THAT THE QUALIFICATION WAS BASED AT LEAST IN PART ON REPORTED SOVIET REVIEW OF TRAVEL CONTROLS. .

3. RECENT TRIP BY EMBOFF TO SIBERIA (SEPTTEL) WAS MODIFIED BY UPDK WHEN YAKUTSK WAS REMOVED FROM THE ITINERARY AS ONLY HOTEL SUITABLE FOR FOREIGNERS WAS BEING REPAIRED UNTIL JANUARY 25. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN VALIDITY OF THIS CLAIM WHEN PPO FILES FOR YAKUTSK IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

4. EMBASSY WILL DEFER TO DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION AS
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TO APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO ABOVE IN VIEW OF ONGOING

EXAMINATION BY BOTH SIDES OF TRAVEL CONTROLS UNDER CSCE
FINAL ACT.

5. EMBASSY IS NOW APPLYING REGULARLY FOR CLOSED-AREA
EXCEPTIONS IN VIEW OF GREAT DISPARITY IN CLOSED-AREA
ACCESS DURING CY 75 (REFS B&C).
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